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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ-RODO NOV 12 TO INFORM HIM OF MY PLANNED DEPARTURE FROM MADRID FOR CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON. HE ASKED ME TO REMIND BOTH PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INVITATION HE HAD EXTENDED TO THEM TO VISIT SPAIN, ADDING THAT HE HAD A PROMISE BY DR. KISSINGER TO COME ON A FIXED DATE IN DECEMBER. I RESPONDED THAT MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT DR. KISSINGER HAD INDICATED HE WOULD PLAN TO COME BEFORE OR AFTER THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED AND SAID THAT HE WAS COMMITTED TO AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WEST GERMANY AT THE INVITATION OF THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTER ON DECEMBER 3 OR 4 BUT THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE THE SECRETARY FROM DECEMBER 5 ON.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY AS TO WHAT SUBJECTS HE HAD IN MIND FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY HE SAID HE WANTED TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECTS HE HAD INCLUDED IN A MEMORANDUM HE HAD LEFT WITH THE SECRETARY WHEN HE SAW HIM IN NEW YORK. THESE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

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(A) THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT HAD

EXPLAINED TO LOPEZ-RODO THE POSITION DEVELOPED BY FRANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS DECLARATION. SPAIN HAD PROVIDED A PRELIMINARY POSITION WHICH WAS DELIVERED BY THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. SINCE THEN ADDITIONAL STUDIES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AND HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THESE WITH THE SECRETARY.

(B) NEGOTIATIONS ON RENEWAL OF AFC. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REMARKED THAT WE ONLY HAD TWO YEARS LEFT AND NEEDED TO GET STARTED WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS.

(C) THE SPANISH POSITION ON LOS CONFERENCE. AT THIS POINT I MADE APPROACH RE EFFORTS SEAT PRG AND GRUNK PURSUANT TO STATE 222028, REPORTED SEPTTEL.

(D) THE NEXT PHASES OF CSCE.

(E) MIDDLE EAST AND JERUSALEM. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT ALTHOUGH CONDITIONS IN MIDDLE EAST HAVE CHANGED SINCE HE LEFT HIS MEMO WITH THE SECRETARY HE WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH THE SECRETARY THE GENERAL SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE ADDED SOME REMARKS ON ISRAELI APPROACHES RE JERUSALEM, REPORTED SEPTTEL.

3. DURING THE CONVERSATION, THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO CONVEYED A REQUEST THAT THE US GUARANTEE TO SPAIN TWO MILLION TONS OF SCRAP IN 1974 AND UNDERTAKE TO FURNISH SUFFICIENT SOY BEANS AND CORN TO SUPPORT SPAIN'S NEEDS. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT REPORTED SEPTTEL.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO MADE SOME REMARKS, IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOS AND THE VATICAN ON THE CONCORDAT. HE INDICATED THAT THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO PARTIES WERE MUCH CLOSER THAN APPEARED FROM PRESS REPORTS. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT REPORTED SEPTTEL.

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